GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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REVIEW OF FOOD PROCUREMENT POLICY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently reviewed the policy of food procurement based on the experience of the past ten years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of innovative and pragmatic policy initiatives taken/proposed in the public interest; and

(d) the details of action plan formulated for the next five years, State-wise for procurement of foodgrains and reducing the administrative storage cost substantially?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) (b) (c) & (d) : No, Sir. However, a High Level Committee to formulate a Long Term GrainPolicy for the country has been constituted. The Terms of Reference of the said committee include matters relating to Minimum Support Price and price support operations, functioning of Public Distribution System, policy regarding buffer stocks, Open Market Intervention and Export/Import, allocation of foodgrains for rural development programmes and other welfare programmes and FCI related issues, which also include the scope for reduction in the economic cost of foodgrains. The Committee is expected to finalise its report by May 2001.